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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, JOINT INTELLIGENCE STAFF:**

**Subject: Intelligence Terminology**

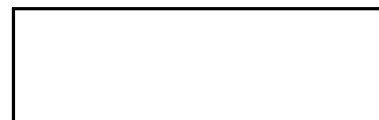
**Reference: (a) JIS Memorandum of 5 September 1947,  
same subject**

1. As requested in reference (a), the Director of Central Intelligence approves the enclosure to the memorandum dated 28 August 1947 (JIC 383/3), with the following reservations:

a. The punctuation of the definition of "an intelligence agency" should be corrected so that the definition will read: "An organization, or its subordinate parts, primarily responsible for or engaged in the collection of information, the processing of that information into intelligence, and the subsequent dissemination of the intelligence produced." This change in punctuation is intended only to clarify the adopted substance.

b. The term "positive intelligence" included in the list submitted by the Central Intelligence Group and discussed at the meetings has not been included in the reference JIS memorandum. Since it was understood that the decision arrived at was that this term be recommended for non-use, it is suggested that it be included in the list with this notation. In this manner, the decision reached with respect to its use may be brought to the attention of at least one of the government intelligence agencies which repeatedly makes use of the term in its communications to the Central Intelligence Group. If the Joint Intelligence Staff members concur in this suggestion, no further meeting will be required.

**FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
Attention:

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SUBJECT: Intelligence Terminology

The enclosure, memorandum dated 28 August 1947 with attached draft report (JIC 383/3), is forwarded for your approval and return to the Secretary, Joint Intelligence Staff.

*Allen W. Spencer*  
ALLEN W. SPENCER  
Secretary

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28 August 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR TEAM

SUBJECT: Intelligence Terminology

1. The attached report (draft of JIC 383/3) and second corrigendum to JIC 383/2 were prepared on the basis of actions completed by the Senior Team and representatives of the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. They are circulated for team approval or change.

Ruth E. Nicalo

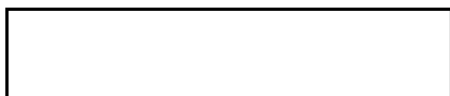
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Col. Johnson

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Capt. Habecker

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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIES

to the

JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

on

INTELLIGENCE TERMINOLOGY

Reference: a. JIC 383/1  
b. Minutes of JIC 151st Mtg, Item 2

1. The enclosed report, prepared by the Joint Intelligence Staff in collaboration with representatives from the Central Intelligence Group in accordance with references a and b, has been approved by the Joint Intelligence Staff on behalf of the Joint Intelligence Committee, and is circulated herewith for information of the Committee.

2. The recommendations in the report have been implemented.

E. W. RAWLINS,  
A. W. SPENCER,  
Joint Secretariat.

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REPORT BY THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE STAFF  
(in collaboration with representatives from the  
Central Intelligence Group)

to the

JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

on

Reference: INTELLIGENCE TERMINOLOGY  
a. JIC 383/1  
b. Minutes of 151st Mtg, Item 2  
c. Memo from DCI, 4 Feb 1947

THE PROBLEM

1. To define in collaboration with representatives of the Director of Central Intelligence terms for a professional dictionary of intelligence terms to be standard for all Federal intelligence agencies and for inclusion in the Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

DISCUSSION

2. The J.I.S. and representatives of the C.I.G. have considered all terms suggested by the Central Intelligence Group and have defined those considered appropriate for inclusion in an intelligence dictionary. With regard to the remainder they have indicated whether the term:

- a. Is adequately defined in the Joint Army-Navy Dictionary or standard dictionaries.
- b. Should be deleted from the list.
- c. Should not be used in intelligence terminology.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the memorandum in Appendix "A" be forwarded to the Director of Central Intelligence.

4. That the memorandum in Appendix "B" be forwarded to the Joint Logistics Plans Committee.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Intelligence Terminology, Definitions of

- References: a. Chief of Naval Intelligence Memo for JIC and DCI, subject as above, dated 9 January 1947\*
- b. Director of CIG Memo for Secy, JIC, subject as above, dated 4 Feb 1947

The Joint Intelligence Committee and representatives of the Director of Central Intelligence have considered all intelligence terms transmitted by the Central Intelligence Group to the Intelligence Advisory Board of Central Intelligence by memorandum of 2 December 1946. The definitions, or other actions, agreed upon are transmitted herewith\*\* for use in preparation of a professional dictionary of intelligence terms for all Federal intelligence agencies.

FOR THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE:

E. W. RAWLINS  
Secretary

\* Enclosure to JIC 383/1  
\*\* Annex hereto

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ANNEX TO APPENDIX "A"

Action by JIC and CIG representatives on  
Intelligence Terms submitted by CIG to IAB

ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE - Recommend non-usage.

AGENT - One who obtains, seeks to obtain or assists in obtaining information for intelligence or counterintelligence purposes, but who has no obvious connection with any intelligence agency or officer.

ANALYSIS - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

ASSEMBLE - See standard dictionary.

BASIC INTELLIGENCE - Factual intelligence which results from the collation of encyclopedic information of a more or less permanent or static nature and general interest which, as a result of evaluation and interpretation, is determined to be the best available.

BRIEF - See standard dictionary.

CLANDESTINE - See standard dictionary.

COLLATION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

COLLECTION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

COORDINATION - See standard dictionary.

CORRELATION - See standard dictionary.

COUNTER-SABOTAGE - Recommend non-usage.

COVER - A cover address is one utilized for the transmission of a message to an addressee other than the person actually addressed. A cover name is a name other than one's own adopted for intelligence purposes.

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CURRENT ESSENTIALS OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE - Spot information or intelligence of all types and forms of immediate interest and value to operating or policy staffs, which is used by them usually without the delays incident to complete evaluation or interpretation.

DEPARTMENTAL INTELLIGENCE - All intelligence, including basic, current and staff intelligence, needed by a department or independent agency of the Federal Government, and the subordinate units thereof, to execute their mission and to discharge their lawful responsibilities.

DISSEMINATION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

DISTRIBUTION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

DOCUMENT - See standard dictionary.

DOUBLE AGENT - An agent who serves the interests of two different countries at the same time, usually when the countries are in opposition, and usually although not always, with the complete knowledge of one of his principals.

ESPIONAGE - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

ESTIMATE (n) - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

EVALUATION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

EXPLOITATION - See standard dictionary.

FIELD INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

FIELD OFFICE - Delete.

FUNCTIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

GEOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

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GRADING - See standard dictionary.

INFORMANT - See standard dictionary.

INFORMATION - See standard dictionary.

INFORMER - See standard dictionary.

INTELLIGENCE AGENCY - An organization, or its subordinate parts, primarily responsible for or engaged in: the collection of information; the processing of that information into intelligence and the subsequent dissemination of the intelligence produced.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEF - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE FIELDS - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE-INFORMATION - Information capable of being applied to intelligence purposes. This term pertains to those facts or data which have possible utility to appraisals of actual and potential situations, capabilities and vulnerabilities relating to foreign areas.

INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE SERVICE - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE TARGET - Delete.

INTERPRETATION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

MONOGRAPH - See standard dictionary.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS - Delete.

NATIONAL POLICY INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

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ORIGIN - See standard dictionary.

OVERT - See standard dictionary.

PASSIVE INTELLIGENCE - Recommend non-usage.

POLITICAL ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Polec) - Delete.

PRIMARY INTEREST INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

PROPAGANDA, BLACK - Delete.

PROPAGANDA, WHITE - Delete.

RAW INFORMATION - Recommend non-usage.

READING CENTER - An establishment where incoming information and intelligence reports are read to determine the subsequent routing of the material in accordance with the responsibility and interest of participating units and in accordance with the elements of urgency.

READING PANEL - The group of intelligence personnel operating a reading center, or performing the functions thereof.

REGIONAL BRANCH - Delete.

REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

REPORTING MAUAL - Delete.

RESEARCH - See standard dictionary.

SEMI-COVERT - Recommend non-usage.

SEMI-OVERT - Recommend non-usage.

STAFF INTELLIGENCE - Intelligence prepared by any department or agency through the correlation and interpretation of all intelligence materials available to it in order to meet its specific requirements and responsibilities.

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STATIC INTELLIGENCE - Recommend non-usage.

STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE DIGEST - Delete.

SOURCE - See standard dictionary.

SUBVERSIVE - See standard dictionary.

SYNTHESIS - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

UNWITTING INFORMANT - Delete.

VET - Recommend non-usage.

WITTING INFORMANT - Delete.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT LOGISTICS PLANS COMMITTEE

Subject: Intelligence Terminology

References: a. JLPC 1/16/SD/1  
b. JIC 383/2, as amended.

1. The Joint Intelligence Committee and the Central Intelligence Group have been studying intelligence terminology which needed clarification for a professional intelligence dictionary for Federal intelligence agencies to be prepared by the Central Intelligence Group.

2. As a result of this study, the intelligence terms in the enclosure\* were determined to need defining and these definitions have been agreed upon by the J.I.C. and C.I.G.

3. The Joint Intelligence Committee, therefore, recommends that these terms and their definitions be considered for inclusion in the Joint Army-Navy Dictionary now under preparation by your Committee.

FOR THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE:

E. W. RAWLINS  
Secretary\* Annex hereto**RESTRICTED**

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ANNEX TO APPENDIX "B"

INTELLIGENCE TERMS RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION  
IN THE JOINT ARMY-NAVY DICTIONARY

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1. The Joint Intelligence Staff, on behalf of the Joint Intelligence Committee, approved the following change to Enclosure "A" of J.I.C. 383/2:

Page 8. "Page 106. INTELLIGENCE RADIO".

Line 1. Line out "RADIO" and add "COMMUNICATION (SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE)".

Lines 8 and 9. Replace "It also includes the information derived from" with "The counterintelligence function is".

2. All holders are requested to revise their copies accordingly.

E. W. RAWLINS,

A. W. SPENCER,

Joint Secretariat.

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